

Remarks/Arguments

A. Claims In The Case

Claims 1, 4-10, 12, 13, 15-20, 31-33, 35-41, 45-59, 63-72, 83, 84, 88 and 112-117 are currently pending. Claims 73-78, 80-82, 89-92 and 94-97 have been cancelled.

B. Allowable Subject Matter

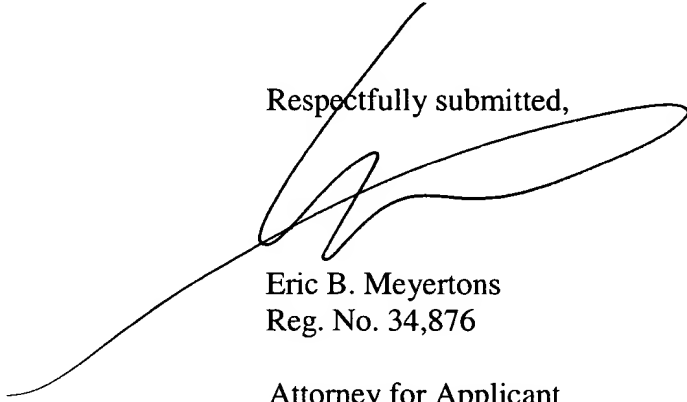
In a phone interview with the Examiner to discuss the allowability of the objected to claims, the Examiner indicated that both the rejected and objected to claims would not be allowed and should be cancelled. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner, however, to expedite prosecution claims 73-78, 80-82, 89-92, and 94-97 have been cancelled.

C. Additional Remarks

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated October 29, 2003. A fee authorization form in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed for the extension of time fee. If any further extension of time is required, Applicant hereby requests the appropriate extension of time. If any additional fees are required or if any fees are inadvertently omitted or have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Meyertons Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5628-00403/EBM.

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